# **Minutes of the Environmental Committee Meeting** Held on May 14, 2013

Attendance:

Meg McMullen Reston, Chair

Staff attending:

**David Forrest** 

Maria Bucci

**Bryan White** Michele Smith

**David Winter** Karen White Bill Taylor

Ellen Polimeni, Mayor

Jim Terwilliger

## 1. Recycling Toter Program

Cindy Wade raised some concerns regarding the vote taken at the last council meeting to approve the grant application for the purchase of the toters.

There was a discussion concerning this topic. No vote was taken, nor was there a motion from a committee member to revisit this issue at the next council meeting.

### 2. Special Events

The following events were discussed and approved at the committee by a vote of 4:0:

- a. Bruce Bridgeman: 5K
- b. Memorial Day parade
- c. Plein Air Festival by the BID
- d. Wildlife Defender/Herb Haven Fundraiser
- e. July 4<sup>th</sup> parade
- f. Crosswinds 5K
- g. Can Lake 50 ultras

#### 3. **SRO Grant Opportunity**

The Chief of Police presented a grant opportunity for funding for the SRO position at the school. The federal grant would provide for 75% of the cost for the position for the first three years. The fourth year would be entirely locally funded. The City is still discussing a sharing of the local match funding with the school district.

No vote was taken and no authorizing resolution was required. The Chief will be submitting the grant application.

# 4. Hydrofracking Moratorium

We discussed the need to extend the existing moratorium that was passed in August 2012, which expires in August 2013. The committee has reviewed this issue extensively since August, 2012. We have identified issues we believe to be relevant to the health and welfare of our residents. We have researched certain topics. We have invited experts to speak to us. It is our intention to propose a City wide ban on hydrofracking to the Council and to pass further ordinances that may be necessary for the protection of the municipality. This issue also needs to be addressed in the Comprehensive Plan Review. We are seeking to extend the moratorium for an additional nine months to complete this.

Respectfully submitted

Margaret McMullen Reston

Chair, Anvironmental Committee